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Announcement from Berlin would have come through the State Department. The cablegram to the Japanese embassy came direct from Tokyo and not through the State Department, arriving in Tokyo at 7:20 this morning. It was a long time before the Japanese announced its blow at the Kaiser. The Japanese ambassador and his staff were at an early hour this morning anticipating receipt of the very news received. Baron Chinda was telephoned the contents of the cablegram at his home and then went to the embassy for a personal reading after his decision. The Japanese ambassador, Baron Chinda, was telephoned the contents of the cablegram at his home and then went to the embassy for a personal reading after his decision. The Japanese ambassador, Baron Chinda, was telephoned the contents of the cablegram at his home and then went to the embassy for a personal reading after his decision.

Envoy Handed Passports.
It was stated that the Mikado's war proclamation had been handed to the German ambassador to Japan with his passports. He will sail for the United States on the first available vessel. A copy was also cable to the Japanese charge at Berlin, with instructions to transmit it to the German foreign office for its use. The passports, turn over the Japanese embassy to American Ambassador Gerard. Ambassador Guthrie, at Tokyo, was also given two copies of the Japanese war note, one for transmission to the State Department and another with the request that, through the State Department, it be transmitted to Ambassador Gerard at Berlin. The German government, it reached the Kaiser's government.

Tsingting Intended to Be Big German Entrepot

Kiaochow is on the Yellow Sea coast, in northeastern China. It is the key to the German "sphere of influence," in northeastern China, which was seized by Germany in 1897, on the pretext that the murder of German missionaries by the Chinese made it necessary. The following year the weak Manchurian government was forced into giving Germany a ninety-nine year lease of the port and considerable adjacent territory. Almost at the same time, Russia obtained a twenty-five year lease of Port Arthur and a considerable adjacent territory. The Germans have fortified Kiaochow bay and made it an important naval base, while devoting similar good deal of effort to establish it as a significant commercial port for Eastern trade.

It has been the German ambition that Tsingting, capital of the province, should be the great German entrepot in the East, as Hongkong is the great British commercial base. Precisely as the Russian seizure of Port Arthur aroused the intense hostilities of the Japanese nation, so the occupation of Kiaochow marked the real beginning of an intense and German sentiment in Japan. Korea is now a Japanese dependency, and the establishment of a great German base in its neighborhood is a menace to Japanese dominance there, precisely as Russian occupation of Port Arthur was a threat against Japanese interests in the same region.

Japan's War Declaration Given to U. S. Government

Ambassador Chinda called at the State Department at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and formally delivered to Counselor Robert Lansing a copy of Japan's declaration of war on Germany. No request was made that this Government transmit this declaration to the German government.

Counselor Lansing assured the Japanese ambassador that the request previously made that the United States should look after Japan's interests in Germany will be complied with. Ambassador Gerard at Berlin already having received instructions to this effect from the State Department.

At the same time it was announced that a similar request had been made by Germany, that the United States should look after its interests in Japan. Instructions to comply with this request have been forwarded to Ambassador Guthrie at Tokyo.

Secretary Bryan did not appear at his office today. He left word when he went home last night that he intended taking a much-needed rest today, and that he was not to be disturbed unless there was urgent need.

Counselor Lansing, in his capacity as acting secretary, transmitted the Japanese declaration to the President after his audience with the Japanese ambassador. The White House and State Department maintained silence about the Japanese situation, pointing out that the position taken by the United States had been fully disclosed in which the Government's intention of maintaining absolute neutrality was set forth.

British Again Warn of Mines in Neutral Sea

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Through the official news bureau, the admiralty today issued a warning to neutral shipping of grave danger of mines, "which the Germans appear to be scattering indiscriminately."

"These mines," the statement declares, "are scattered along the ordinary trade routes on the chance of catching some individual warship or merchantman of the allies. The mines are in violation of The Hague convention and do not become harmless after the lapse of a certain time and are not laid in connection with any definite military operation."

The Dutch steamers clearing from Swedish ports were sunk by mines Saturday in the Gulf of Finland, great damage has not yet laid any mines, but

the admiralty reserves the utmost liberty for retaliatory action against this new form of warfare.

War to Keep Capital Here, Says Gompers

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 23.—American labor conditions will not be materially affected by the European war, was the opinion expressed today by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. He is here attending a large conference was evinced. "The export situation is steadily improving," he said, "and there should be no lack of employment. One result of that futile struggle in Europe may be to convince American capitalists that they would be wiser to remain at home with their investments. A great improvement in American commerce should also result."

Food in Paris Cheap And Plenty, Is Report

LONDON, Aug. 23.—A Reuter dispatch from Paris says living is becoming phenomenally cheap there, many of the railroads having restored commercial traffic. "Provisions of all kinds are said to be more plentiful and prices falling," it stated. "The price of wheat, for example, has fallen to an average of 9 to 10 cents a pound, whereas 11 to 12 cents a pound are almost the lowest prices on record. Vegetables and fruits are abundant and sold at very low prices, and the supply and prices of fish are normal."

2,000 Start Home on 2 Ships From Glasgow

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Two thousand American and Canadian tourists have sailed from Glasgow on the Anchor Line Columbia, bound for Quebec and Montreal, and the Allan liner Scandinavian for Montreal.

Red Cross Collectors Must Have Official O. K.

Warning has been issued by the American Red Cross that no funds for foreign Red Cross societies must be collected on American soil without the consent of the American society. Committees which have been appointed in this country to solicit such funds have been advised there is a Federal statute which prohibits use of the words "Red Cross" without the sanction of the American Red Cross.

U. S. Limits Coaling of Belligerent Warships

War vessels of belligerent nations will not be allowed to take on coal or provisions at American ports without the consent of the collector of customs, according to supplementary instructions sent out by the Treasury Department. Collectors will apply to officers of the navy or the revenue cutter service for advice as to the quantity of coal and other supplies that may be taken aboard war vessels.

Kaiser Orders Prayer For Success of Forces

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—The following prayer will be offered at all public services throughout Germany, during the war, at the request of Emperor William, made to the supreme council of the Evangelical Church: "Almighty and merciful God, God of the armies, we beseech Thee in humility for Thy almighty aid for our German warriors. Bless our forces of war; lead us to victory; and give us grace that we may show ourselves to be Christians toward our enemies as well as toward our fellow-men, everlastingly safeguard our free and independent Germany."

8,000 Americans Crowd Nine Ships on Return

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Marking the largest single day's migration record to America, it was stated today estimated that 8,000 Americans were crowded aboard nine vessels which left for America yesterday. Several members of the American Relief Committee sailed including Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

Captain French to Tell Of Army's Commissary

Capt. W. E. P. French, U. S. A., retired, will discuss the commissary buying clubs advocated by Superintendent Sherman, of the District department of weights, measures, and markets, at a meeting tonight at Socialist headquarters, at 811 E. street northwest.

Washington Motor Party In Crash in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Aug. 23.—Mrs. Rose Engel, of 1305 E. street, Washington, two members of her family, and two friends escaped serious injury when Mrs. Engel's machine was in collision with an automobile owned by Jacob M. Raffel, 292 Brookfield avenue, at McCulloch street and Lafayette avenue. The machine with which their car collided was being driven by a young man at high speed north on McCulloch street. The young man abandoned the machine and their escape following the accident.



FRENCH WAR OFFICE SPREADS CONFIDENCE

Officials at Paris Express Satisfaction Over "Successful Advance of Russians."

By WILLIAM PHILLIPS SIMMS.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—With the German army striking toward Lille, nothing but the greatest confidence was expressed by the war office today.

Satisfaction is shown over official dispatches from St. Petersburg, telling of the continued successful advance of the Russians into Prussia.

Admission is made of the "temporary checking" of the French advance in Lorraine, but this is offset by the victories in Alsace, the war office declared. In an official statement the war office declared: "German reports of a tremendous French defeat in Lorraine are grossly exaggerated. The French successes in Alsace are of much greater importance than those of the Germans in the other province which shall soon be restored to France."

An engagement is expected at Mulhausen where the French has entrenched. A force of Germans, supported by heavy detachments of Austrians, is reported to be within five miles of Mulhausen. It is evidently their intention to attack the French in force and endeavor to cut them off from their base at Belfort.

SPRING-RICE HERE; CROSSES INCOGNITO

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, reached Washington from England today. M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, who made the journey to this country on the same liner as the English diplomat, will return to the embassy in this city tomorrow, according to announcement made this morning. Both diplomats made the journey as private citizens, being registered under fictitious names.

The diplomats arrived in New York on the liner St. Louis last night. They traveled incognito through fear that the liner would be held up by a German warship on the trip and they would be taken off as prisoners of war. The French ambassador came to America under the name of John Jacob Jewett of New England, and his wife as Mrs. Eliza Jewett. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice appeared on the passenger list as J. Rice. His servant was not listed with him.

GERMANY IS NOW AT WAR WITH 6 NATIONS

With Japan's declaration of war today, Germany is now at war with six nations. Austria is her only ally and is at war with four of the six which have declared against the Kaiser. Since July 28, there have been eleven declarations of war, not counting the counter-declarations which have been issued in many instances. Germany is now at war with England, Russia, France, Belgium, Japan, and Montenegro.

FRENCH INVADERS NOW NEAR COLMAR

PARIS, Aug. 23.—The French army advancing through Alsace today arrived at a position close to Colmar. The German forces have been slowly driven back. Far from being routed, the French troops in Lorraine are reported to be in the best of condition. Their retreat before the superior German force was in good order, and they are preparing to again assume the offensive.

The map shows the immensity of the movement of the great German army invading Belgium and France, with its "far flung battle line." Along this line, it is believed, a great battle is being fought today.

CATHOLICS UNITE IN PRAYERS FOR POPE

Prayers of thousands of Washington Catholics today were offered for the repose of the soul of Pope Pius X. Every Catholic church in the District bore evidences of mourning in the decorations.

In every sermon this morning, Pope Pius was extolled as the prince of peace, whose death was hastened by his failure to prevent the war. Speaking from personal acquaintance with the dead Pontiff, the Rev. P. C. Gavagan, of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, told of his simplicity and magnanimity.

Sent out in commemoration of the Pontiff will be held in all Catholic churches during the week. Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in St. Matthew's Church, the official memorial mass of Washington will be held with the apostolic delegate as celebrant. The diplomatic corps and the clergy of Washington will join in paying homage to the pope.

Heat Above Normal, Forecast of Weather

Washington and vicinity will experience higher temperatures tomorrow, followed by rain on Tuesday, and another rise in temperature above "the normal conditions" during much of the latter part of the week, according to the weekly weather bulletin issued by the Weather Bureau.

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FOOD INDICTMENTS IN SIX CITIES DUE

Justice Department Expects Rapid Development in Price Raising Probe.

Developments in the Department of Justice food probe are expected to come rapidly during the coming week. Grand Jury investigations in many cities have been completed, and that a number of indictments will be handed down in each of six of these investigations is assured.

In all of these cases the Department of Justice will rely on the Sherman law provisions against "restraint of trade" in bringing prosecution against those who are indicted. Further advances in food prices are not anticipated. As stated in last Sunday's Times it is believed by officials here that food prices will gradually recede to normal or to nearly normal, on practically all products not directly affected by the war. District attorneys in many cities reported reductions last week, particularly in the flour milling center of Minneapolis.

Housewives Meet Tomorrow.
Superintendent of Markets Sherman will have his next meeting with District housewives in the board room of the Municipal building tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. At this meeting it is probable that he will tell something of the plan to be developed through the co-operation of the Federal Department of Agriculture for a modern and approved consumers' market in Washington. The District grand jury will not meet until Wednesday or Thursday, when action is expected. With nationwide warfare against increasing food prices, Government investigators are preparing to turn the probe against drug and commodity prices generally to seek the cause of increases. The Department of Commerce is to study the situation with respect to European patented drugs and to determine whether or not these can be advantageously manufactured in America. The Department is also studying the possibility of widespread increase in American manufactures and exports generally as a result of the war.

One of the most significant public

Murderer of Jaures Had No Accomplices

PARIS, Aug. 23.—Raoul Villain, who murdered the French Socialist leader Jaures, denied at a preliminary hearing that he had accomplices, and reiterated that Jaures betrayed and wronged the country. Slight of build, his blond hair brushed back so that he looked like a student, Villain told how, after buying a revolver, he hunted for Jaures to shoot him wherever found.

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